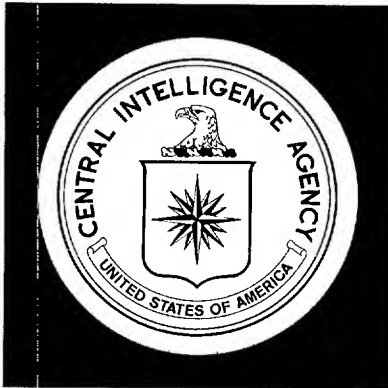


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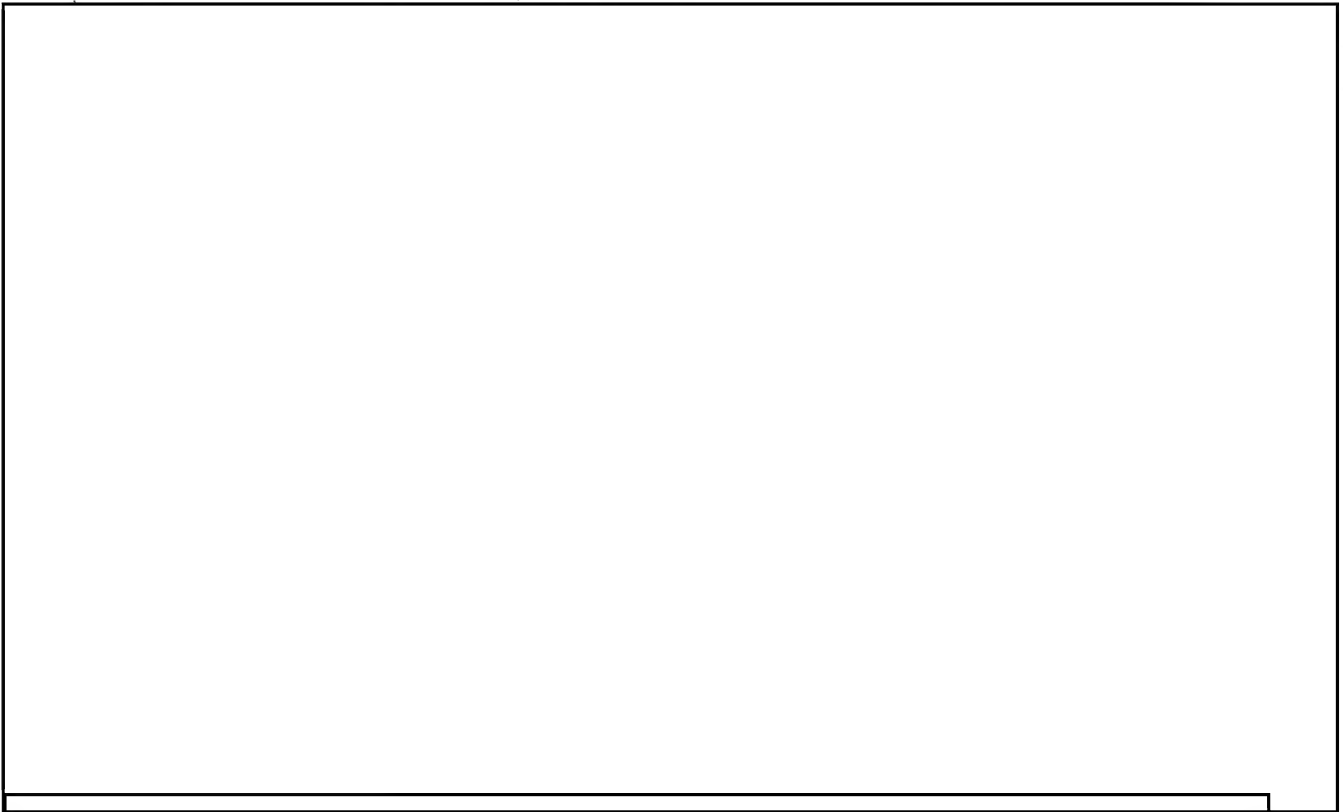
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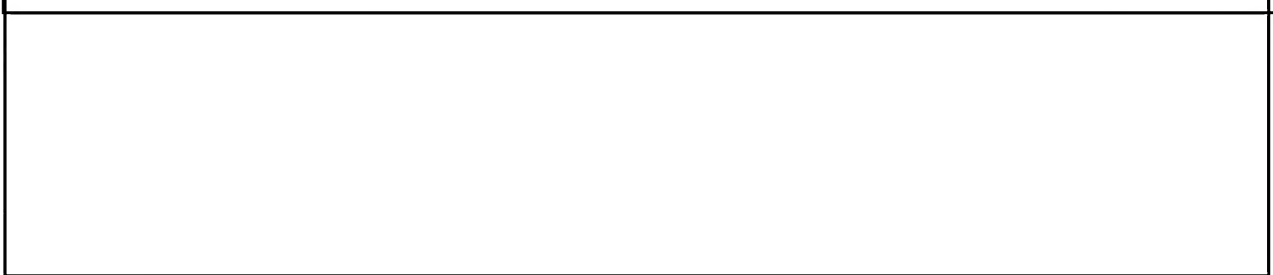
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Vietnam-France: Paris and Hanoi established full diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level on 12 April, and Paris apparently will soon raise its mission in Saigon to the embassy level. [ ]

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USSR-China: A Chinese trade mission has arrived in Moscow to negotiate the 1973 Sino-Soviet trade agreement. [ ]

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USSR-Mexico: Brezhnev, Podgorny, and Kosygin all participated in talks yesterday in Moscow with President Echeverria. [ ]

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Japan: To reduce inflationary pressures, the cabinet has deferred public works spending, and the central bank is instructing commercial banks to restrict lending. [ ]

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Turkey: President Koruturk has asked Commerce Minister Naim Talu to form a new cabinet. [ ]

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Argentina: Runoff elections will be held on 15 April for gubernatorial and senatorial seats where no majority was obtained in the March elections. [ ]

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Nepal: The prime minister and foreign minister retained their posts in a long-anticipated cabinet shuffle yesterday. [ ]

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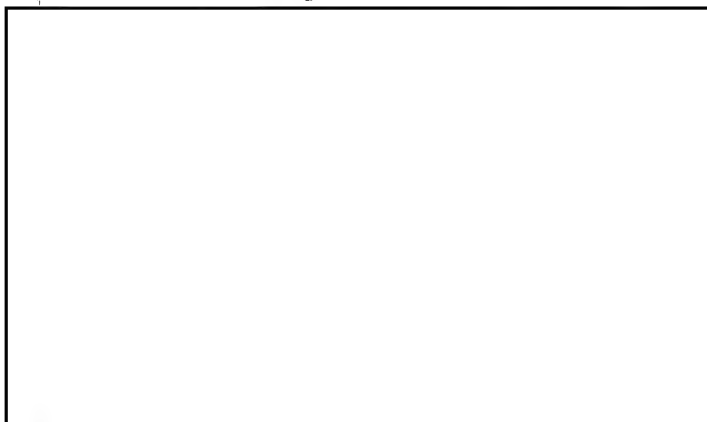
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